



State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
**2009 NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA ROCKY
MOUNTAIN ELK HUNT, ARCHERY AND
GENERAL SEASONS**
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General Information: Congratulations on being drawn for the Northeastern California Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt! The hunt area is highly variable, ranging from heavily forested, steep, and rugged terrain to high desert juniper-sage communities. Elk do not occur throughout the entire area so gathering information in advance of your hunt will be useful. We have prepared the following information to help you have a successful hunting experience.

Regulations: All hunters should read and be familiar with regulations contained in the current Hunting Regulations booklet for Mammals and Furbearers. Visit the above website address for specific zone regulations (hunt zone map, description, and harvest success information can also be viewed at this address). Section 364 describes the Northeastern California Rocky Mountain Elk hunt area and hunting season. Most elk within the hunt area occur on public lands, however, occasionally animals are found on private property. Remember you must obtain written permission to hunt on private property.

Please remember that all hunters must return tag report cards to the Department within one week after the close of the elk season regardless of whether an elk was taken.

Public Land: This zone contains a mixture of both public and private lands. Public lands within the zone are administered by the United States Forest Service (USFS); Shasta-Trinity National Forest, 3644 Avtech Pkwy Redding, CA 96002, (530) 244-2978, the Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, CA 96097, (530) 842-6131, the Modoc National Forest, 800 West 12th Street Alturas, (530) 233-5811, and the Lassen National Forest, 55 S. Sacramento Street, Susanville, CA 96130, (530) 257-2151 and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); 355 Hemsted Road, Redding, CA 96002, (530) 224-2100 and 708 West 12th Street, Alturas, CA 96058, (530) 233-4666.

Access: Although there is private land within the zone, there are extensive tracts of public lands with excellent access. However, please be aware that some National Forest roads may be closed to vehicle access during the hunting season to protect natural resources or because they are impassible. Generally, these areas are open to hunting provided access is made by non-motorized vehicle. From August 15 through March 31 there are Road Closure Management restrictions on certain USFS roads administered by the Goosenest Ranger District, 37805 Highway 97, Macdoel, CA 96058, (530) 398-4391.

Maps: The most comprehensive maps of the hunt area are the Shasta-Trinity, Modoc, and Klamath National Forest maps. National Forest maps are available for a small fee and provide general information regarding the location of public lands and roads. USFS maps are available locally at most USFS offices; by contacting the USFS Pacific Southwest Regional Office at: 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592 (707-562-8737); or ordered by phone (406-329-3024), fax

(406-329-3030), mail at USDA Forest Service, National Forest Store, P.O Box 8268, Missoula, MT 59807, or on-line at <http://www.nationalforeststore.com/> .

District transportation maps are sometimes available for a small fee. These maps depict many roads not identified on general National Forest maps. United States Geological Service (USGS) topographic maps are very helpful, especially to depict topographic features not displayed on USFS maps. USGS maps are usually available at backpacking and engineering stores or you can contact USGS directly at (650) 853-8300. You can also order USGS maps online at www.usgs.gov. BLM maps are available at all BLM offices or you can contact the BLM at 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, (916) 978-4400.

Weather: Weather in this region is highly variable. It may be quite warm but early storms are common. Snow during your hunting season would be unusual but heavy rains can occur making some roads impassable. You should be prepared with appropriate clothing and equipment for a variety of weather conditions.

Camping: There are numerous designated campgrounds within the zone. Facilities available at these campgrounds vary from primitive campsites to those with running water and showers. Most campgrounds are clearly marked on USFS and BLM maps. Camping outside of designated campgrounds is usually permitted on BLM and USFS lands however, during fire season special regulations may apply and it will be necessary to obtain a fire permit from the USFS or BLM. You can also check with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection office for rules in specific areas.

Care of Meat: Temperatures during the elk hunting season can be quite warm. The weather and rugged terrain within the hunt area make it critical you are prepared to properly care for the meat if you harvest an animal. You should be prepared to skin and quarter or bone your elk immediately after it is tagged. The meat should be hung in fly-proof breathable sacks in the shade until you pack it out. If you are hunting by yourself, you will need at minimum, four game sacks, plenty of rope, a game hoist, a knife, a knife sharpener, and a pack frame. A meat saw or hatchet and a tarp would also likely be helpful.

Deer Season Overlap: Please be aware that the first five days of the Northeastern California Rocky Mountain Elk ARCHERY season overlap with deer archery season in the X zones. Most of the GENERAL elk season overlaps with the C2 general deer season. Therefore, on those dates you may encounter deer hunters in the field, within the mentioned zones.

Additional Information: If you have any questions regarding this hunt, please contact Mr. Richard Shinn at (530) 233-3581. The Department is collecting teeth from animals taken by hunters for age analysis. Successful hunters should follow directions on the tooth envelope (included with this flyer) to remove the two front teeth and submit them to the Department. Please do not wrap teeth in plastic or foil. The Department will post the age analysis results at the website listed above for hunters that submit teeth from their hunt. The age of your animal can be found by using your hunting license number. Please note that these results may not be available until December of the following year.

Again, congratulations and we hope you have an enjoyable hunt.